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Secretary  
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I am pleased to hear that you are re-examining your standards for children's television programs. (MM Docket # 93-48)

As a parent, I am aware of the negative impact that many of the current programs have on the social development of young children.

I feel that children's shows should not depict violence as a means of solving social conflicts. These types of shows de-sensitize children to the real horrors of violence. Aggressive, anti-social behavior is re-inforced in many children's programs.

I feel that appropriate programs for our children should include one (or all!) of the following elements:

1. wholesome entertainment (sing alongs, puppets, magic shows, etc.)
2. story plots involving characters who solve conflicts peacefully
3. educate and inform (about nature, other cultures, etc.)

I consider the following programs to be examples of excellent programs for children:

Reading Rainbow (PBS)  
Shining Time Station (PBS)  
Lambchop Play - Along (PBS)

Thank you for your efforts to improve the quality of children's television.

Sincerely,

*Bill & Jean Hawkins*

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